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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with [REDACTED]
at Eastman Kodak, Rochester

Reber: You should proceed full speed on 35, the two centers, and you should, pending any different information which I may get with regard to military, proceed to engage commercial at the earliest feasible time pending completion.

Second, I think that you should, we need to consider the priority on the remainder of the work that is up there, and I think you should accept as authoritative guidance until I report differently that upon completion of this urgent work, and now I would like for you to evaluate what I'm saying and comment upon it, you should have them do the dupes on the parts that are not being sent. But I'm forgetting something. In this case when you bring the stuff down, you will have brought all; will you not? The first shipment there. When you send down the complete job you're shooting for on 35, it will be a complete dupe?

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[REDACTED] Yes.

Reber: This is the B, right?

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[REDACTED] Right.

Reber: Then their next job should be to finish the dupes and other materials on 35 before they turn to 36. See what I mean?

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[REDACTED] Yes, sir.

Reber: Doesn't that make sense to you?

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[REDACTED] Yes. I think 36 is a poor second.

Reber: One for the reasons for this is whereas the present arrangement we have is so imminently fair to all concerned the Air Force would still like to have their copy simultaneously with this one, and whereas in this case we're not going to do what they want, I would then want to get them their dupe as reasonably soon after that as possible.

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Fine. My understanding is before 36 is started you will like the normal dupe for 35 completed first, before 36 is started.

Reber: Yes.

(On a normal 8-hour day)

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What about the dupes for 35?

Reber: I'll tell you. I'll be talking with you tomorrow, and we will clear that point up. Are we clear to that point?

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Right. Taking the guts out of that thing and bringing it down first, we might not save much time. We may get only a little on each side with it. We will try commercially to get concentrating on the guts of the thing and then tell them their emphasis should be doing normal duping on 35 before working on 36 and clear 35 across the books first.

Reber: Whereas I don't give you any instructions now, it may be on thinking it over I will want you to get out a second dupe on 35 to move it promptly for the benefit of the Air Force, but I have to come to that yet. I may get a chance to talk to Bissell if he's in tomorrow morning.

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Times are most nebulous.

(Arrangements then made for a telephone conversation tomorrow morning.)